

**TECH SUMMIT – 4<sup>th</sup> edition**  
**EU Tech Power and Diplomacy: Searching for Political Consensus**  
**Turin, 2-3 April 2025**

**DAY 1 – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**19:30 – 21:30 Dinner discussion: “Tech” united, do we stand? How to unlock Europe’s potential**

In the unpredictability and fragmentation deriving from President Trump’s presidency, an EU political consensus is urgently needed. The Tech domain should be key to Europe to deal with the current “unorder”. How should the EU unlock its full potential?

**Welcome remarks: Marco Gilli**, Chairman, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo

**Brando Benifei**, Chair, Delegation for relations with the United States, European Parliament

**Claudia Colla**, Head, Representation in the North of Italy, European Commission

**Daniel Gros**, Director, Institute for European Policymaking @ Bocconi University

**Beniamino Irdi**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security Transatlantic Security Initiative, Atlantic Council

Chair: **Teresa Coratella**, Deputy Head and Policy Fellow, ECFR Rome

**DAY 2 – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**09:00 – 09:15 Welcome remarks: Nicolò Russo Perez**, Head, International Affairs Programme, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo; ECFR Council Member and **Arturo Varvelli**, Head and Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR Rome

**09:15 – 10:30 PANEL 1: Building a "Tech-Enhanced" European Defense Union**

After years of debate and missed opportunities, the urgent need for the EU to assume greater responsibility for its own defense is now an obliged reality. This could be achieved more quickly through enhanced Tech capabilities. What are the concrete future scenarios and challenges?

**Kick off by:**

**Andrea Gilli**, Lecturer, University of St. Andrews

**Aleksandra Koziol**, Senior Analyst, International Security Programme, The Polish Institute of International Affairs

**Victoria Vdovychenko**, Joint Programme Leader - Future of Ukraine, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge

Chair: **Clotilde Bômout**, Senior Policy Analyst, EUISS

### **10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break**

### **11:00 – 12:15 PANEL 2: Enhancing the EU “tech interdependence” in face of technological fragmentation**

The increasing vulnerability and disruption risk in supply chains, exacerbated by the current unstable scenario as well as by US-China rivalry, should push the EU to speed up on its strategic interdependence. What are EU strengths, missed opportunities and challenges ahead?

#### **Kick off by:**

**Francesca Ghiretti**, Research Leader, RAND Europe

**Sharinee Jagtiani**, Senior Officer, GMF Technology

**Herman Quarles Van Ufford**, Senior Advisor, European Power Programme, Tech Initiative  
- Geoeconomics & Tech, ECFR

Chair: **Alberto Rizzi**, Policy Fellow, ECFR Rome

### **12:15 – 13:30 PANEL 3: Navigating through global disorder: what potential for EU digital diplomacy?**

#### **Kick off by:**

**Corneliu Bjola**, Professor of Digital Diplomacy, University of Oxford

**Oliver Bringer**, Head of Unit for International Affairs, DG CNECT, European Commission

**Angel Melguizo**, Partner, ARGIA Green, Tech & Economics; Visiting Fellow, ECFR

Chair: **Flavia Lucenti**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, LUISS University

Digital diplomacy is key today to the EU’s global strategy. But it needs attention, vision and inclusivity to guarantee a stable multilateral order and to counter imbalances in the technology realm. For this, digital alliances with like-minded countries remain a key pillar of EU strategy. How to boost EU diplomacy potential?

### **13.30 Light lunch and departure of participants**